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For: FERROELECTRIC THIN FILM	)	
ELEMENT, PIEZOELECTRIC	:	
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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Status</u>
10/769,765	Hiroshi Aoto Kenichi Takeda Tetsuro Fukui Toshihiro Ifuku	February 3, 2004	Unassigned	Pending
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Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 8-186182 and 8-139292 are discussed at pages 3 and 7 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

U.S. Patent No. 5,739,563 is a U.S. counterpart to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 8-139292.

Abstracts for Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 8-186182 and 8-139292, obtained from a commercial database, are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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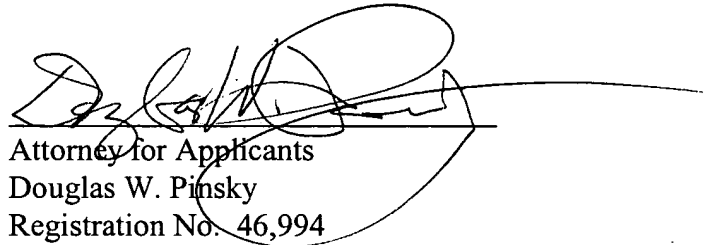
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